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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1951.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1951.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Under date of November 1, 1950, a communication was addressed to the General Court as follows:—

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 33, as amended, I have the honor to submit herewith such portions of my annual report (Public Document Number 46) as embody recommendations for legislation, accompanied by drafts of bills and resolves to cover said recommendations.

Of the recommendations submitted, several were enacted into law while others were referred to the next annual session. All which became law are included in the next following subject heading embracing legislation enacted during the 1951 session.

1951 LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO MATTERS CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

During the 1951 session of the General Court several acts and resolves were passed which affect or concern the Office of the Secretary, or the subject of elections, in which this office plays an important part. Briefly, these statutes are as follows:

Chapter 56. An act relative to the destruction of certain records by City and Town Clerks. Approved February 16, 1951.

Chapter 58. An act relative to certain fees to be charged by City and Town Clerks. Approved February 16, 1951.

Chapter 104. An act to regulate the use of the word "Veteran" by candidates for public office. Approved March 2, 1951.

Chapter 153. An act pertaining to applications for absent voters who by reason of physical disability are unable to cast their vote in person at the polling place on the day of the election. Approved March 15, 1951.

Chapter 200. An act making express provision for the recovery of unlawfully detained public records. Approved April 3, 1951.

Chapter 332. An act requiring candidates for, or persons accepting nomination by a political party at a state primary to be certified as enrolled members of such party. Approved May 19, 1951.

Chapter 397. An act providing that the supervisor of public records shall be a member of the board authorized to sell or destroy certain books and records of the Commonwealth (House 1201). Approved June 14, 1951.

Chapter 409. An act relative to the fees payable to the State Secretary for certain commissions. Approved June 14, 1951.

Chapter 445. An act increasing the fee for the filing of certain statements with the State Secretary concerning trust receipt transactions. Approved June 28, 1951.

Chapter 469. An act providing for the transmission to the State Secretary and certain local officials of copies of decrees annulling marriages. Approved June 30, 1951.

Chapter 556. An act to regulate the filing of rules and regulations by State Departments and certain other state agencies. Approved July 25, 1951.

Chapter 576. An act providing for a notice and public hearing prior to the issuance by State Departments, Commissions, Boards or Officials of Rules and Regulations to be observed or performed under penalty for the violations thereof. Approved August 1, 1951.

Chapter 709. An act providing for the use of separate voting machines for each of the political parties in the casting of votes at state primaries. Approved October 5, 1951.

The 1951 General Court is still in session at the date of the preparation of this report and of necessity any measures enacted during the closing days of the session cannot be included in this report.

Recommendations for proposed legislation to be submitted to the General Court of 1952 will be submitted with a separate letter of transmittal.

For convenience and information the following notations are made concerning certain pertinent Chapters of the 1951 Acts and Resolves which are listed above.

ADMINISTRATION

FEES

This office recommended to the General Court of 1951 that certain of the fees charged by statute in this department were inadequate to cover the costs and the detailed clerical work required in this department. As a result of this report the fees incident to appointment as Notary Public and Justice of the Peace were increased from five dollars (\$5.00) to seven dollars (\$7.00) by Chapter 409. Likewise the fees for filing trust receipt transactions which in many instances involved tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of dollars were increased from one dollar (\$1.00) to three dollars (\$3.00) under Chapter 445.

LICENSES

The issue of licenses as peddlers and hawkers to disabled veterans and blind persons without charge were authorized under Chapter 395.

Hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses may be issued without charge to blind persons and to those over seventy years of age. This is provided for in Chapter 405.

RECORDS

Authority is given to City and Town Clerks with the written approval of the Supervisor of Public Records to destroy certain indices and records twenty years after such indices or records were made if such records have been reproduced by micro-photograph by Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1951. This statute also gives the micro-photograph of any index or record so reproduced the same force and effect as the original index or record.

Chapter 200 provides for the recovery of unlawfully detained public records upon complaint of any public officer entitled to custody to the Superior Court.

Chapter 397 adds the Supervisor of Public Records to the Board authorized to sell, destroy, or otherwise dispose of duplicate, surplus, obsolete or worthless public books, documents, vouchers or other instruments after advertisement and public hearing (if requested) by Chapter 30, Section 42 of the General Laws as amended. (The State Librarian, the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Commission on Administration and Finance, or their designated representatives, are the other members.)

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Heretofore persons who entered public service after attaining the age of fifty-five years were not eligible for membership in the contributory retirement systems, State, County or Municipal. Eligibility has been extended to allow persons who first enter public service up to the age of sixty years to be admitted into the retire-

ment system under Chapter 644. This statute likewise allows those who heretofore entered public service when fifty-five but not yet sixty years of age at the time of entry to be admitted to membership upon making certain prescribed back payments.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Prior to Chapter 556 of 1951 certain departments, commissions, boards and officials were required to file with the office of the state secretary rules and regulations promulgated by those agencies only when failure to comply with the same entailed a penalty. This resulted in considerable confusion to public officials and to the public. Very frequently records were searched for at this office but information was sought concerning rules and regulations which were general in scope and had force of law but did not carry a penalty for non-compliance. Upon a recommendation from this office every department, commission, board and official vested by law with the power to make rules and regulations general in scope is now required to file an attested copy with the state secretary even when such rules and regulations require the approval of the Governor and Council before the same can become binding and effective. The said Chapter 556 was based upon the recommendation of the State Secretary and will assure to the general public and to the officials of the Commonwealth and its sub-divisions a central depository where all rules and regulations effective currently or at any given date may be found.

Chapter 576 requires all such agencies as are authorized to make rules and regulations general in their scope, and providing a penalty, to hold a public hearing thereon after advertising notice of hearing for three consecutive weeks and to refrain from filing such rules and regulations with the Secretary for twenty-one (21) days after hearing.

NEW ENACTMENTS RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS

In the field of elections the new 1951 statutes contain among other things the following items of interest:

a. Chapter 104 provides that no person except a veteran of the United States Armed Services, as described in the General Laws (Chapter 31, Section 21), shall use the word "veteran" as a candidate for nomination or election to any public office unless the word veteran is accompanied by other words indicating the country for which he served.

b. Chapter 153 requires certificates of physical disability to cast a vote at a polling place to be executed by a registered physician, an *attending* registered nurse, superintendent of a hospital or a practitioner of the Christian Science Church before an absentee ballot can be issued.

c. Chapter 257 permits members of police and fire departments not on active duty to distribute material 150 feet distant from a polling place when at an election there is upon the ballot a referendum concerning conditions of employment, hours of labor or affecting the conditions of a police or fire department.

d. Chapter 332 requires all persons who are candidates for statewide office, the legislature, congress or county office to file with the state secretary a certificate from the registrars of voters of the municipality where such candidate resides that such candidate is an enrolled voter of the party in which the candidate seeks nomination, on or before the last day for filing nomination papers. Unless this is done the name of the candidate cannot be printed on the ballot.

e. Chapter 709 is a permissive act which authorizes the election commissioners or city or town clerks to provide separate voting machines for each political party at state primaries after notice to the state secretary ninety days before the date of a primary, in cities and towns where voting machines are used.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Quite apart from the physical mechanics of an office such as that of Secretary of the Commonwealth, the relation of the office to the general public at other levels should be examined.

It has been my experience as Secretary that the public is not altogether aware of the facilities and services available to the citizens of the Commonwealth and that this unawareness of necessity reduces the maximum effectiveness of the Department.

One of the recommendations embodied in the Annual Report which would permit the employment of personnel to operate a public information service would go far towards improving this situation.

A very noticeable increase has occurred in the matter of the utilization of the divisional units within the Department by individuals seeking information.

The daily mails are heavy with inquiries concerning phases of Massachusetts and early Colonial history as well as requests for pamphlets, brochures and other printed matter concerning the Commonwealth.

Because of the lack of an appropriate agency to properly reply to such communications, they are funneled first to divisions of the Department and, in some cases, to the Industrial and Development Commission.

The number of distinguished guests, students, tourists, civic organizations and visitors to the office has doubled within a three year period and, while it is heartening to find an increasing interest in our State government and its history, it must be restated that a shortage of trained personnel, due to curtailed budgets, makes it impossible for these people to receive the type of hospitality due them.

Although the amount of business transacted and the amount of revenue received in various divisions of the office have each shown a decided increase, there has been no commensurate enlargement of employee personnel. This situation makes it increasingly difficult to furnish the public with the quality of service and the prompt attention which our citizens expect and to which they are entitled.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

There will be submitted for consideration to the General Court of 1952 several matters which in the judgment of this office require legislative action in order that the Office of the Secretary may more fully perform the service to the public which the constitution and the statutes creating the Office of the Secretary contemplate. These recommendations are set forth herein in alphabetical order.

ARCHIVES

The Massachusetts Archives, the popular designation of the collection of historical documents on file in the Department consists of 312 bound volumes. Up to the present time, less than 50 volumes have been catalogued. The purposes served by cataloguing these volumes are many. It offers us a reference from which to work but the principal value would be to enable this office to locate subject matter and to trace each missing document more readily. We are at present endeavoring to check on missing documents. Inasmuch as the majority of the books are not catalogued little progress can be made.

The recent publicity focused on stolen documents further emphasizes the need for prompt action.

Therefore, I respectfully request that proper steps be taken to provide for an addition of a minimum of five temporary cataloguers to the present personnel. These clerks would have years of work which is not only useful but absolutely necessary. An appropriation for this purpose will be requested from the General Court.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION

There is no adequate general information service concerning the activities and the departments of the Commonwealth available at the State House. The general public looks to the Office of the Secretary for such service. This is the office to which such a function should be attached. To give such service in a satisfactory manner two clerks should be assigned to definite space for this express major duty. It has been determined by the General Court that legislation is not necessary to set up such a bureau. There are no clerks now available for assignment to such duty. Therefore, an appropriation will be sought to provide for a senior and a junior clerk to be assigned to a bureau of information.

COMPILATION OF LAWS

The long continued practice of providing at odd intervals, usually about twenty years apart, for the compilation of the General Laws of the Commonwealth by a special commission is archaic, cumbersome, extravagant, inefficient and unsatisfactory. The expense is great and frequently the finished product is obsolete in large part within a year of its completion. In each revision this work has been extended over at least a three-year period, as is the case with the present commission, now functioning under Chapter 94 of the Resolves of 1948. The work of the present commission has progressed to a point where it should be continued until the work is completed. The General Court has established a deadline in 1952.

It is quite possible to avoid further repetition of this awkward process by the creation of a permanent division charged with the duty of currently preparing an index to the Acts and Resolves during the sessions of the General Court, and with the further duty of preparing and publishing annually a supplement to the General Laws, including all such laws adopted since the last codification, with marginal notes, chronological legislative history, citations of court decisions, and such other material as may be helpful, and with calling to the attention of the General Court in each year inconsistencies, repetitions, mistakes, omissions, and imperfections contained in the laws. The division should report to the General Court on the first Wednesday of January of each year.

The said division should be established in the office of the State Secretary. It would be much more efficient and more economical than the present method. It should be headed by an expert in the field of statutory law and one familiar with judicial decisions interpreting statutes, with a substantial salary consistent with such experience, established by the Legislature or to be approved by the Governor

and Council. This expert should have one trained assistant and a secretary familiar with exact legal terminology. He should be charged currently with co-operation with the existing commission and after the present commission has finished its work he should be responsible for keeping the General Laws of Massachusetts current. A bill to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the 1952 Session.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

The term, constitutional officers, under the constitution of this Commonwealth embraces the members of the House and Senate in the Legislative Department; the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court in the Judicial Department; and the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Auditor and Attorney General in the Executive Department. In the ordinary acceptance of the term in everyday conversation, the term, constitutional officer, to the average citizen means the four executive officers other than the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, or more exactly stated, the State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Auditor and the Attorney General. For the purposes of this recommendation, the term, constitutional officer, is considered in the light of this general acceptance of the term.

Clearly in their origin the constitutional offices were created to share the principal executive functions in the government on the basis of entire equality. This they continue to do despite the creation of various statutory courts and sundry executive and administrative posts to assist in the complex and perplexing problems of government in modern society. The burdens of the constitutional officers have grown apace. The number of statutory officers has likewise increased considerably to meet the demands of the times. The salaries now provided for constitutional officers are not equalized nor are they in line with other salaries. And yet, they bear many of the most exacting and onerous duties and responsibilities in our government.

In the process of salary adjustment, statutory officers have been given consideration during the last half century to a greater extent than have the constitutional officers, largely for the very clear reason that until 1946 the salary of the chief executive was continued at the \$10,000 level. Until the salary of the Governor was increased, naturally little consideration was given to an increase in the salary of other constitutional officers. The historical background of the salaries of the Massachusetts constitutional officers is set forth in the following table:—

<i>STATUTES</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Auditor</i>	<i>Attorney General</i>
1902, R.L. cc. 5, 6, 7	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$ 5,000
1907, c. 276	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
1912, c. 575	—	—	—	7,000
1914, c. 589	6,000	—	—	—
1919 { c. 308	—	6,000	—	—
{ c. 309	—	—	6,000	—
1920, c. 422	—	—	—	8,000
1929, c. 318	7,000	—	—	—
1946, c. 591	8,000	7,000	7,000	10,000
1949, c. 789	9,000	9,000	9,000	12,000

The salaries of thirty-five justices of two statutory courts, the Superior Court and the Land Court have been established at \$16,000, except that the Chief Justice of the Superior Court receives a salary of \$17,000. The salaries of five judges of probate have been established at \$13,500 and the salaries of eight additional judges of probate at \$11,500. The salaries of the nine justices of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston have been established at \$12,000 for the justices and \$13,000 for the Chief Justice. The salary of the judge of the Juvenile Court of the City of Boston has been established at \$9,975. The salaries of six judges in the district courts at Worcester, Springfield and Malden have been established at \$9,900. It thus appears that sixty-seven judges of statutory courts are receiving larger salaries than those paid to three of the constitutional officers of the Commonwealth.

The Commissioner of Mental Health, Civil Defense, Public Works, and the Chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission receive salaries of \$15,000.

Thirty-five statutory officers serving as commissioners or directors in various departments receive salaries of from \$10,000 to \$12,500.

Thirteen additional statutory officers on various commissions, boards, and agencies of the Commonwealth receive salaries of \$9,000.

As of the date of passage of Chapter 715 of the Acts of 1951, twenty-eight classified officers and employees of the Commonwealth receive salaries in excess of \$9,000 per year and it is believed that approximately another score of officers are raised to a salary in excess of \$9,000 by the terms of Chapter 715 of the Acts of 1951.

It is clear, therefore, that 147 to 167 persons in the employ of the Commonwealth who hold statutory offices are paid as much as are three of the constitutional officers; that 134 to 154 of these employees and officers are paid more than three of the constitutional officers and that, excluding the judiciary entirely, 67 to 87 of such employees and officers of the Commonwealth are paid more than is paid to three of the constitutional officers.

This statement is written to present a factual background for a recommendation that the salaries of the constitutional officers of the Commonwealth should be raised to a standard fairly comparable to the dignity and responsibility of the offices which they hold and a further recommendation that all of the four constitutional officers concerned should be compensated in the same bracket. The salary of one of the constitutional officers, the Attorney General, has been established at \$12,000 per year. Consistent with the universal practice of this Commonwealth not to reduce an established salary, it is believed that the salary already established for the Attorney General should be now the minimal basis to be considered in fixing the salary of the three constitutional officers whose salary is now fixed at \$9,000 per annum. The draft of a proposed Act to accomplish this purpose is to be submitted to the General Court of 1952.

CORPORATIONS

Certificates of Condition of Business Corporations

During the session of 1951 inquiry was made from this office by the executive department and the legislature as to a recommendation for increasing the revenues of this office so that it would be self supporting. Factually this office is operated at a profit in each odd numbered or non-election year and shows an excess of expenditure only in even numbered or election years. It was then recommended that the filing fee for certificates of condition by business corporations should be increased from ten (\$10) dollars to fifteen (\$15) dollars per year. This would insure an additional income of \$140,000 to \$150,000 to this office. The matter was referred too late for a concrete legislative recommendation to the 1951 General Court. This year a proposed amendment to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the 1952 session of the General Court.

(The filing fees of domestic corporations have remained unchanged for a quarter of a century, while the cost of maintaining records has more than doubled.)

Return of Functions other than taxation concerning Corporations to the Office of the Secretary

Except for matters concerning taxation all domestic corporations should be compelled to do business with a single department of the state government. And since corporate organizations are creatures of the state and the office of the Secretary is charged with the preservation of public records under our constitution and our statutes and is charged with the procurement and filing of annual reports and changes in corporate structure, the repository of all information concerning domestic corporations should be the office of the state secretary. At the present time all certificates of condition are supplied to the department of corporations and taxation. This practice should be continued. At present there are four distinct transfers of papers from one office to the other in the organization of a domestic corporation. This is wasteful effort and occasions delay which runs into weeks and months. In the interest of efficiency and economy and to assure prompt

dispatch of public business all duties relative to the organization, reorganization, records, reports, certificates of condition and the like should be transferred to the office of the state secretary and the personnel engaged solely in corporation structure duties in the office of the commissioner of corporations and taxation should be transferred to the office of the secretary. This is the current practice in the State of New York. A proposed act will be submitted to the 1952 Session of the General Court.

Reports and filing fees of Corporations other than business corporations

For a half century corporations have been organized under Chapter 180 of the General Laws, or earlier similar provisions of statutory law. These embrace among other classifications as set forth in Chapter 180 social clubs, benevolent societies, historical, educational and scientific organizations as well as churches and religious corporations. There are also organized under this chapter charitable organizations which are required to file reports with the Department of Public Welfare. Many of these corporations own considerable property and receive appreciable revenues in the conduct of their activities. Their property rights frequently become of public interest and their activities often occasion public concern. Yet once they obtain their charters no record is filed in any public office concerning their officers, their property, or their continued activity. In each calendar year hundreds of inquiries are made at this office regarding this peculiar form of corporate activity. This office can furnish no information as to the present existence nor the last known officers of such corporations after the original date of charter issuance. For public convenience and for the maintenance of timely and adequate files at this office some sort of annual report should be required as an incident of the granting of a corporate charter. If no report is filed for two consecutive years the secretary should be authorized to dissolve these charters after due notice to the officers last reported. Churches, religious organizations and such charitable corporations as render annual reports to the department of public welfare should be excluded from this obligation. A legislative proposal requiring an annual report from all other such corporations with a filing fee of two dollars will be submitted to the 1952 Session of the General Court.

MASSACHUSETTS LAW REPORTS

By Resolve 57 of the Resolves of 1950 the General Court authorized the sale of surplus copies of the Massachusetts Reports volumes 245 through 324 inclusive at a reduced price to be fixed by the board existing under section twenty of chapter nine of the General Laws. The board fixed prices at one dollar per copy for volumes 245 through 319 and three dollars per copy for volumes 320 through 324. To the end of the fiscal year 12,500 copies were disposed of by the Secretary at one dollar and 833 copies were sold at three dollars. Volumes 320 through 324 were sold through Wright and Potter Printing Company under a contract giving said company a commission of seventy-five cents on each volume sold. From the beginning of the current fiscal year to October 31, 1951 there have been 3,168 copies sold at one dollar and 210 at three dollars.

The stock pile of 87,500 volumes has been reduced to approximately 62,000 volumes including reservation of one hundred copies of each volume set aside for the use of state agencies under the provisions of Resolve 57 of the Resolves of 1950. Every court, every bar association and every law library in the Commonwealth and every law school in the United States has been circularized.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Since the revisions of the statutes legally and familiarly known as General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, 1932, it has been provided by Section 10 of Chapter 32 thereof as follows:—

Any vacancy in any office, the original appointment to which is required by law to be made by the governor, with or without the advice and consent of the council, and for which no other method of filling vacancies, is expressly provided by law, shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner provided for an original appointment; and the appointment of a successor of any incumbent of any such

office who is holding over after the expiration of his term of office shall be made in like manner for the remainder of the term which would have begun at such expiration if his successor had then been appointed.

There is a conflict between this statute and Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1877 which provides for the appointment of Medical Examiners for the full term of seven years by the Governor of the Commonwealth. This 1877 statute has never been specifically amended or repealed.

The Governors of the Commonwealth have continued to appoint Medical Examiners and Associate Medical Examiners for full seven year terms from date of appointment irrespective of whether the vacancy filled was caused by death, resignation or removal, or whether or not the incumbent served for a period in excess of the term of original appointment.

The records of this office conform with the action of the chief executives in making such appointment.

To clarify the conflict in statutes and clear the records concerning such appointments a proposed act is to be submitted.

PUBLICATIONS

PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

The demand upon this office for all state publications is general and constant. Such documents are in a broad sense records of the Commonwealth and should be available at the Office of the Secretary as well as at the office of the official, department, board, commission or agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the publication. This office should have in stock, in its document division, every publication of the Commonwealth. Knowledge as to the pending publication of all documents should be available here. All printing should be controlled by this office, as was the case from the founding of the State through 1923. To this end the office known as the printing office in the Department of Administration should be transferred to this office. The placing of contracts and purchase of materials should remain under the control of the purchasing agent in the Department of Administration.

The public expect and demand this service from the Office of the Secretary.

Distribution should be primarily a function of this office with auxiliary distribution of particular publications by the agency concerned with the subject matter thereof.

The present law says specifically that "all publications of the Commonwealth shall be distributed under the direction of the Secretary, unless otherwise provided." (G.L. C. 5, sec. 1.)

In practice however, without specific statutory provision, a score of agencies distribute publications which are not in stock in the document room. This should be remedied for public convenience. A proposed act will be submitted to the 1952 session of the General Court.

SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC RECORDS

General Laws, Chapter 9, Sections 4 and 5 direct the Secretary to appoint a supervisor of public records and authorize an expenditure of three thousand dollars a year for travel and other expenses of the supervisor. The duties of the supervisor of public records detailed in General Laws, Chapter 66 require that he "shall take necessary measures to put the records of the Commonwealth, counties, cities or towns in the custody and condition required by law and to secure their preservation." This is a grave statutory responsibility. It covers 39 cities, 312 towns, 80 district courts, 16 county clerks of courts, 21 registers of deeds and 14 registrars of probate, a total of four hundred and eighty-two installations. It clearly would require two men, the supervisor and an inspector, to make a single inspection of each installation within a year. Because of lack of personnel and insufficient appropriations for travel it has been impossible for the supervisor to visit some towns as often as once in five years. Storage facilities are excellent in about forty per cent of the installations, reasonably good in twenty per cent and from poor to very unsatisfactory in forty per cent. This office is required by statute to enforce

the law and bring all installations up to standard. This cannot be done under existing conditions because of lack of personnel and the fact that no funds have been made available for necessary travel. These essential records are of primary governmental importance. A casualty can do irreparable damage unless steps are taken promptly to protect and safeguard such records in every community and county. On a minimum basis it will be necessary to have a qualified inspector and junior clerk added to the staff of the supervisor, with a travel appropriation of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per year. An appropriation for these purposes is requested from the General Court.

TEXT BOOKS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

Arbitrary restriction by statute of the number of copies of text books, case books and technical reports which the Secretary may distribute in his discretion to one hundred copies has worked out very unsatisfactorily. In some instances one hundred is not adequate to meet proper requests from governmental agencies. In other instances, one hundred is more than enough to meet the demand. In order that the Secretary may exercise a wider discretion, a proposed amendment to General Laws, chapter 5, section 8, as amended by section 3 of chapter 480 of the acts of 1945 has been prepared.

TRADE MARKS

The present statutes relative to trade marks are most unsatisfactory. There is no provision for abandonment, amendment, rescision or other disposition of obsolete, unused or abandoned trade marks. The files include many which should be disposed of and cleared. A statute providing a requirement for renewals after five year periods and permitting cancellation of obsolete trade marks and those not renewed will clear the records of a great many unused trade marks which now congest the files. A Proposed Act to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the General Court.

VITAL STATISTICS

Almost daily, requests are received at this office seeking information concerning decrees of divorce entered in the records of the courts of the Commonwealth. Birth, marriage, annulment and death returns are made to this office under the law by city and town clerks. No reports of divorces granted are made to any central office of registration. The superior court and the probate court have concurrent jurisdiction in divorce. In practice most petitions are heard in probate court. The records are scattered in the offices of fourteen clerks of court and fourteen registries of probate in the several counties. Past records are contained in consolidated indices and a study is being made concerning reproduction of such records by microfilm or photostat for file at this office. Current records are readily available and at the moment this recommendation is confined to current records.

For the convenience of the public it is recommended that the clerks of the superior court and the registers of probate be required to furnish to this office an abstract of each divorce decree entered in such courts. A proposed act to accomplish this result is to be presented.

September 26, 1951.

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 9, section 1:

0500-201	Certificates	\$3,829	50
0500-202	Commissions	21,665	00
0500-203	Copies:		
	Corporations	\$ 3,845	38
	Archives	17,117	15
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0500-204	Corporations	563,055	25
0500-205	Trade-marks	5,650	00
0500-206	Limited Partnerships	410	00
0500-207	Trust Receipts	3,365	00
0500-208	Vital Statistics	6,819	90
0500-209	Military Records	24	00
0500-210	Miscellaneous	723	45
0500-211	Liens	216	00
0500-401	Advance Sheets	2,640	00
0500-402	Sale of Books	24,169	19
0500-403	Massachusetts Reports	14,929	90
	Total for year	<hr/>	
		\$668,459	72

Financial Statement Verified (Under Requirements of C 7, S 19 GL)

Date, September 28, 1951

By JOSEPH A. PRENNEY, *For the Comptroller.*

Approved for Publishing, FRED A. MONCEWICZ, *Comptroller*.

0501-01	Secretary's Salary	\$ 9,000 00
0501-02	Personal Service and Expenses	281,672 97
0502-01	Archives and Photostatic Copies	4,483 81
0502-02	Journals of the House	750 00
0503-01	Pr. Acts and Resolves	78,362 98
0503-02	Decisions of Supreme Court	31,861 62
0503-03	Pr. Public Documents	6,817 43
0504-01	Prim. and other Elections	187,802 74
0504-04	List of Candidates	16,264 17
0504-07	Information to Voters	89,376 22
0505-01	Medical Examiners Fees	1,392 80
	Total	<u>\$707,784 74</u>

Excess of Expenditures over Receipts \$39,325.02. (This covers July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951 in an Election year.)

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1951 was 4,643, of which 255 were without fee and 58 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public	4,191
Justices of the Peace	172
Justices of the Peace to solemnize marriages	5

Justices and Special Justices, District Courts	7
Clerks, District Courts	3
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail	2
Trial Justices	3
Masters in Chancery	12
Public Administrators	8
Special State Police Officers	53
Trustees, Commissioners, etc.	111
Public Warehousemen	30
Medical Examiners	14
Associate Medical Examiners	8
Commissioners to Qualify Public Officers	7
Commissioners of Deeds, resident in other States	1
Executive Secretary	1
Executive Stenographer	1
Assistant Executive Stenographer	1
Chief Secretary, Executive Department	1
Private Secretary, Executive Department	1
Special Counsel, Executive Department	1
Press Secretary, Executive Department	1
Assistant Secretaries, Executive Department	9
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	4,643

Certificates to the number of 9,617 were issued, of which 2,045 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty persons reregistered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B.

CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates filed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 was 41,761.

Business organizations	2,973
Club organizations	388
Miscellaneous organizations	52
Business amendments, etc.	2,302
Non-business amendments	92
Business conditions	29,255
Club reports	2,766
Trust receipts	3,369
Statements of Lien upon merchandise	74
Trade-marks	226
Assignments of trade-marks	15
Limited partnerships	41
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies	36
Department of Public Utilities approvals	43
Adoption of Act	1
Appointments of Administrator	3
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 2,108 corporations)	15
Certificates of revival of corporations	52
Certificates of consent to change of location of non-business corporations	58
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	41,761
Non-business charters withheld	9
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn	6
Non-business charters declared void	1
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Certified copies supplied	1,051
Special certificates supplied	457

VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1950 were received, and total 96,676 births and 41,813 marriages, a decrease of 852 births and an increase of 2,184 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1949.

Under the provisions of the same statute, 51,091 certified copies of records of deaths were received, a decrease of 10, compared with the returns of 1949.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1950 cover 11,483, a decrease of 113, as compared with returns for 1949.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1950 number 6,357, a decrease of 505, as compared with the returns of 1949.

From July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951, 8,964 certificates of births, 1,863 certificates of marriages and 2,615 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 13,442 certified copies. Besides these, 6,827 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 5,241 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for war, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 57,278 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$7,568.14 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount, \$6,721.00 was for certified copies of births, marriages and death records; \$89.00 for certifications of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$758.14 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 25,240 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 8,875 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 10,480 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 107 corrections of marriages and 97 corrections of death records.

Returns of 3,763 names changed in 1950 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.

ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, there have been made 17 military certificates, 10 typewritten copies, and 48,907 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, plans, corporation records, 1,749 veterans' discharges, etc.

The following fees have been received and paid over to the Treasurer: for military certificates, \$24.00; typewritten copies, \$25.80; photostatic copies (certified and uncertified), \$17,091.35; total, \$17,141.15.

One volume (No. 26) of printed House Journals was added during the year, and number is now twenty-six volumes (covering the years 1715 to 1750).

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Sections 166 to 169, as amended, providing for the filing by attorneys of notice of their appearance before the Governor and Council or the Parole Board in behalf of persons seeking a pardon or parole, forty-two attorneys have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles and commutation of sentence, together with other documents pertaining thereto, one hundred and thirteen cases have been received and filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the office of the Secretary, approximately 30,950 cards have been received and filed.

With the constantly increasing number of acquisitions to the Archives, additional space for filing and storage must soon be found in order that we may properly serve research workers, genealogists, historians and the public in general.

PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1951, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: *Reports*: 19,132 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-one reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions; *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1950 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,176 copies of the 1950 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 7,200 copies of the 1950 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 7,000 copies of the 1950 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; *Veterans Proceedings*: 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Fifty-first Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1950; 997 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1949; 753 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1949; 752 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1950; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1950, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 25, 1748-49; 2,540 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1951; 15,190 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1951; 3,165 copies of the Manual for the Guidance of Applicants for Positions as Civil Engineers, Grades 1 and 2, 195; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1951-52; *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies each of Volumes 324 and 325 of the Massachusetts Reports, total 950 copies; *Miscellaneous*: 410 copies of the edition of the Executive Council Report on the return of votes for State officers, etc., 1950; 400 copies of Public Officers of Massachusetts, 1951-52; making a grand total of 90,265 copies.

The sale of Massachusetts Reports surplus volumes on hand, as authorized by Chapter 57 of the Resolves of 1950, commenced on January first of this year. Of the approximate number of volumes available for distribution, namely 90,000, about 12,500 were sold to the close of the fiscal year.

ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every State officer, department, board and commission which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is provided by law for the filing of a report.

Pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December 1950—

Department of Board of Accounts. P.D. 105—1947

Department of Agriculture. P.D. 123—1950

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. P.D. 153—1949

Commission on Alcoholism

Appellate Tax Board. P.D. 148—1950

Division of Apprentice Training

Attorney General. P.D. 12—1950

Auditor. P.D. 6

Commissioner of Banks. P.D. 8—1950

Section A—Co-operative Banks

Comptroller's Bureau. P.D. 140—1950 (Part 2)

Department of Conservation. P.D. 73—1950

Dental Examiners. P.D. 38—1950

Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. P.D. 163—1950

Division of Fisheries and Game. 1950

State Housing Board

Commissioner of Insurance. P.D. 9—1944 (Part 2)
 Life and Miscellaneous Insurance
 Judicial Council. P.D. 144—1950
 Department of Labor and Industries. P.D. 15—1949—1950
 (Part 1) Labor Directory
 State Library. P.D. 3—1950
 Division of Occupational Hygiene. 1948
 Registration in Optometry. P.D. 97—1950
 Registration in Pharmacy. P.D. 39
 Massachusetts Public Buildings Commission
 Department of Public Health. P.D. 34
 Department of Public Safety. P.D. 32
 Department of Public Utilities. P.D. 14
 Department of Public Welfare. P.D. 17
 State Reclamation Board
 Division of Registration. P.D. 136—1950
 Secretary of the Commonwealth. P.D. 46—1950
 Division of Standards
 Teachers' Retirement Board. P.D. 109—1949
 Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary. P.D. 26—1950
 Massachusetts Training Schools and Youth Service Board. P.D. 93—1949
 Officers of the University of Massachusetts. P.D. 31—1950
 President of the University of Massachusetts. P.D. 31—1949
 Registration in Veterinary Medicine. P.D. 72—1950
 Youth Service Board. P.D. 93—1950

DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Due to current world conditions there has been great activity in the field of public records. Greater emphasis is being placed on the safe-guarding of the very numerous essential documents on file in the State departments, agencies, boards and commissions, as well as in the counties, cities and towns.

This office has had many requests for advice, inspections and information from the many record custodians. It is physically impossible to properly cope with the problem under the present set-up, due to lack of funds and personnel. As has been pointed out in previous reports the supervisor of public records cannot begin to carry out his sundry statutory duties without additional help. Proposed legislation to remedy this situation is being prepared, as are recommendations for necessary budget provisions.

During the past fiscal year the supervisor of public records, as provided by General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 1, has visited and inspected the records of thirty-seven cities and thirty-five towns within the Commonwealth, as well as several county offices, for the purpose of determining how the records are preserved with special emphasis being given to protection against fire and other emergency conditions.

It is to be noted that there is almost complete lack of collaboration between the various State departments. Very few communications are received from State departments, boards and agencies in matters concerning their public records. Steps will be taken during the next year to reacquaint these offices with the provisions of Chapter 66.

On May 10, 1951, the Governor by Administrative Order No. 6 under the Civil Defense Act, appointed a committee of seven to consider methods of protecting and preserving records of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions in the event of enemy attack or other hostile action. This committee is still studying the problem and at this writing has not as yet reported to the Governor. This division is obviously interested in this study and the supervisor is now a member of the committee which is currently working on the problem.

Legislation Affecting This Division Passed During the Current Year

Chapter 48 of the Resolves of 1951 authorizes the Massachusetts Public Building Commission to investigate the feasibility of obtaining facilities for the storage and preservation of records and documents in the Archives of the Commonwealth.

Chapter 56. An Act relative to the destruction of certain records by city and town clerks.

Chapter 200. An Act making express provision for the recovery of unlawfully detained public records.

Chapter 397. An Act which provides that the supervisor of public records shall be a member of the board authorized to sell and destroy certain books of the Commonwealth.

Safes and Vaults

This division has available specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations have been completed according to the standards required for new construction. New vaults have been recommended in several instances to replace those which are now antiquated.

Stamp Pad Inks and Stamp Pads

The list of approved brands of stamp pad inks and stamp pads has been revised during the current year and copies are available at this office. Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of same.

Typewriter Ribbons

The cumbersome list of approved typewriter ribbons has also been revised and an active list is now available wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the 48-hour Fade-Ometer test.

Carbon Paper

A list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950 has been prepared and is also available at this office.

Repairing and Binding

Many recommendations for repairing and binding, the necessity for which was observed during the inspections, have been made to the proper persons.

Standard Record Ink

As provided by General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2, this department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept.

Many violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation, there were during or following the 1950 session of the General Court 330 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 32 as compared with 1949. Returns for the 1951 session will not be received until after the close of the session and the close of the fiscal year 1950-1951.

Returns covering 322 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Thirteen employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents was \$364,658. Of this amount \$54,470 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees, apportioned, and \$113,052 unapportioned, and \$197,136 payments in connection with legislation only. Fifteen employers stated they paid nothing.

PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 32, of which 27 were full and complete, and 5 under parole conditions; commutations, 12; respites, 11. There were 59 requisitions issued upon other States, and 1 upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States; and 27 warrants issued upon requisitions from other States.

PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1950; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1950; United Nations Day, October 24, 1950; Armistice Day, November 11, 1950; Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1950; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1951; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1951; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1951; One Hundred and Eighty-first Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1951; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1951; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1951; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1951; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1951; Flag Day, June 14, 1951 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1951. August 12, 1950 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 27, 1951, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 8-14, 1950 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 5-11, 1950 was set apart as American Education Week and 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

January 12, 1951 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Good Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor on December 4, 1950 promulgating the Eightieth and Eighty-first Articles of Amendments to the Constitution and 200 copies of each were printed and mailed to the justices of the supreme judicial and superior courts, district attorneys, district and municipal courts, clerk of courts for each county, clerk of the supreme judicial court, clerk of the superior court for criminal business and the clerk of the superior court for civil business.

A proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor on December 16, 1950 under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, proclaiming that a

State of Emergency existed by reason of the fact that the peace and security of the Commonwealth was endangered by the imminent threat of belligerent acts of the enemies of the United States, and 1,000 copies were printed and distributed to the city and town clerks, chairmen of the boards of selectmen and mayors.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press for the following:—Peace Sunday, August 13, 1950; National Union Label Week, the week of September 2, 1950; National Urban League Week, September 3–8, 1950; Constitution Day, September 17, 1950; Kids' Day, September 23, 1950; Religious Education Week, September 24–October 1, 1950; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 1–7, 1950; Cranberry Week, October 8–14, 1950; Poetry Day, October 15, 1950; Oil Progress Week, October 15–21, 1950; National Business Women's Week, October 15–21, 1950; National Bible Week, October 16–22, 1950; Veterans' Welfare Day, October 22, 1950; Smoke Abatement Week, October 22–28, 1950; Civil Rights Week, October 23–30, 1950; Teen-Age Week, October 27–November 2, 1950; Flower Week, October 29–November 5, 1950; The 175th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, November 10, 1950; Polio Month, the month of January, 1951; Printing and Publishing Week, January 15–19, 1951; Negro History Week, February 11–18, 1951; Republic of Lithuania Day, February 16, 1951; Brotherhood Week, February 18–25, 1951; Easter Seal Month, February 21–March 25, 1951; Save Your Vision Week, the week of March 4, 1951; ORT Day, March 12, 1951; Wildlife Restoration Week, March 18–24, 1951; Boys Club Week, April 2–8, 1951; Massachusetts Camp Week, April 9–15, 1951; Pan American Day, April 14, 1951 and Pan American Week, April 8–14, 1951; Criminal Investigation Division Day, April 14, 1951; Cerebral Palsy Month, the month of May, 1951; Child Health Day, May 1, 1951; National Music Week, May 6–13, 1951; Humane Sunday, May 6, 1951 and Be Kind to Animals Week, May 7–12, 1951; Orphan Week, May 7–12, 1951; National Hospital Day, May 12, 1951; Mother's Day, May 13, 1951; Armed Forces Day, May 19, 1951; Foot Health Week, May 18–26, 1951; I am an American Day, May 20, 1951; Public Library Week, May 20–27, 1951; Purchase of Buddy Poppies, May 21–26, 1951; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1951; Achievement Day, May 23, 1951; Israel Bond Week, May 27–June 2, 1951; June Dairy Month, the period of June, 1951; National and International Shut-Ins Day, June 3, 1951 and Fraternal Week, June 10–16, 1951.

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

INITIATIVE PETITIONS

On August 2, 1950, 14,420 additional signatures to an Initiative Petition for An Act providing that classifications of risks and premium charges under the compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance law shall be uniform throughout the Commonwealth, were filed. Subsequently the question appeared on the State Election ballot, November 7, 1950. This was disapproved. The vote was 376,636 (Yes) 1,275,431 (No).

On August 2, 1950, 7,869 additional signatures to an Initiative Petition for An Act amending the Old Age Assistance Law so as to provide to certain deserving persons in need of relief and support at 63 years of age or over a minimum of \$75 per month; and to such blind, eligible, deserving persons a minimum payment of \$85 per month, were filed. Subsequently the question appeared on the State Election ballot, November 7, 1950. This was approved by a vote of 918,555 (Yes) to 624,362 (No).

On August 2, 1950, 7,490 additional signatures to an Initiative Petition for An Act authorizing the conduct of a State lottery to provide additional funds for payments of assistance to aged persons by way of pension or otherwise, and for aid to needy blind and to dependent children were filed. Subsequently the question appeared on the State Election ballot, November 7, 1950. This was disapproved. The vote was 644,707 (Yes) and 894,685 (No).

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to

be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951: Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Education, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Appellate Tax Board, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and the Milk Control Board.

The General Court of 1951 has extended the provisions of this statute by the provisions of Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 to require the filing of all rules and regulations which are general in scope irrespective of any provision for a penalty at the office of the Secretary thus insuring a central depository for all effective regulations.

This chapter is included in this Report for the convenience and information of all departments.

[CHAP. 556] (ACTS OF 1951)

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE FILING OF RULES AND REGULATIONS BY STATE DEPARTMENTS AND CERTAIN OTHER STATE AGENCIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 30 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 37, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—*Section 37.* Notwithstanding any special or general law, every department, commission, board or official vested by law with the power to make and issue rules or regulations general in scope, shall file an attested copy thereof, together with a citation of the law by authority of which the same purport to have been issued, with the state secretary, and such rules or regulations, whether or not they require the approval of the governor and council, or other authority, before taking effect, shall not take effect until so filed. The foregoing provision shall not apply to rules or regulations issued by commissions, boards or officials of towns, or to municipal ordinances or by-laws, or to rules or regulations affecting solely the internal management or discipline of a department, commission, board or office, nor to orders or decrees made in specific cases within the jurisdiction of a department, commission, board or official. The state secretary shall file and index all rules and regulations filed with him hereunder, noting and keeping available such references to preceding rules and regulations as may be necessary for certification purposes.

SECTION 2. All rules and regulations to which the provisions of section one apply existing and in effect on the effective date of this act, but not filed prior thereto with the state secretary, shall be so filed within thirty days after said effective date.

Approved July 25, 1951.

Effective October 23, 1951.

MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

POPULATION 1950 CENSUS

POPULATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS AT EACH CENSUS SINCE 1920, ARRANGED BY COUNTIES.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	1950.	1945.	1940.	1935.	1930.	1925.	1920.
BARNSTABLE.	46,805	38,216	37,295	36,647	32,305	29,782	26,670
Barnstable	10,480	8,647	8,333	8,037	7,271	5,774	4,836
Bourne	4,720	3,519	3,315	3,336	2,895	3,015	2,530
Brewster	987	757	827	715	769	774	688
Chatham	2,457	2,192	2,136	2,050	1,931	1,741	1,737
Dennis	2,499	1,807	2,015	2,017	1,829	1,749	1,536
Eastham	860	604	582	606	543	494	430
Falmouth	8,662	7,751	6,878	6,537	4,821	4,694	3,500
Harwich	2,649	2,071	2,535	2,373	2,329	2,077	1,846
Mashpee	438	343	434	380	361	298	242
Orleans	1,759	1,543	1,451	1,425	1,181	1,078	1,012
Provincetown	3,795	3,564	3,668	4,071	3,808	3,787	4,246
Sandwich	2,418	1,524	1,360	1,516	1,437	1,479	1,458
Truro	661	582	585	541	513	504	554
Wellfleet	1,123	851	890	948	823	786	826
Yarmouth	3,297	2,461	2,286	2,095	1,794	1,532	1,229
BERKSHIRE.	132,966	127,620	122,273	121,099	120,700	121,255	113,033
Adams	12,034	12,724	12,608	12,858	12,697	13,525	12,967
Alford	212	207	201	210	200	221	248
Becket	755	682	689	723	672	778	674
Cheshire	2,022	1,718	1,708	1,660	1,697	1,842	1,476
Clarksburg	1,630	1,401	1,317	1,333	1,296	1,222	1,136
Dalton	4,772	4,367	4,206	4,282	4,220	4,092	3,752
Egremont	731	563	463	569	513	477	441
Florida	479	401	421	405	307	362	298
Great Barrington	6,712	6,232	5,824	6,369	5,934	6,405	6,315
Hancock	445	349	332	408	361	510	464
Hinsdale	1,560	1,276	1,235	1,144	1,144	1,044	1,065
Lanesborough	2,069	1,556	1,321	1,237	1,170	1,181	1,054
Lee	4,820	4,347	4,222	4,178	4,061	4,058	4,085
Lenox	3,627	2,951	2,884	2,706	2,742	2,895	2,691
Monterey	367	305	320	325	321	348	282
Mount Washington	34	53	57	64	60	58	73
New Ashford	118	99	87	94	75	85	116
New Marlborough	989	896	956	921	864	991	1,010
NORTH ADAMS	21,567	22,230	22,213	22,085	21,621	22,717	22,282
Otis	359	377	364	415	367	395	361
Peru	143	116	142	151	108	113	149
PITTSFIELD	53,348	53,560	49,684	47,516	49,677	46,877	41,763
Richmond	737	616	624	628	583	619	561
Sandisfield	437	370	421	471	412	480	460
Savoy	291	294	300	299	307	399	436
Sheffield	2,150	1,752	1,709	1,810	1,650	1,614	1,435
Stockbridge	2,311	1,739	1,815	1,921	1,762	1,830	1,764
Tyringham	235	211	213	243	246	280	267
Washington	281	242	267	252	222	231	240
West Stockbridge	1,165	1,059	1,062	1,138	1,124	1,212	1,058
Williamstown	6,194	4,623	4,294	4,272	3,900	4,006	3,707
Windsor	372	274	314	412	387	388	403
BRISTOL.	381,569	373,619	364,637	366,465	364,590	383,795	359,005
Acushnet	4,401	4,272	4,145	3,951	4,092	4,135	3,075
ATTLEBORO	23,809	22,375	22,071	21,835	21,769	20,623	19,731
Berkley	1,284	1,182	1,130	1,156	1,120	1,118	935
Dartmouth	11,115	9,909	9,011	9,424	8,778	9,026	6,493
Dighton	2,950	3,021	2,983	3,116	3,147	3,208	2,574

POPULATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS, ETC. — *Continued.*

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	1950.	1945.	1940.	1935.	1930.	1925.	1920.
BRISTOL—Con.							
Easton	6,244	5,723	5,135	5,294	5,298	5,333	5,041
Fairhaven	12,764	12,072	10,938	11,005	10,951	10,827	7,291
FALL RIVER	111,963	115,062	115,428	117,414	115,274	128,993	120,485
Freetown	2,104	1,830	1,584	1,813	1,656	1,663	1,532
Mansfield	7,184	6,978	6,530	6,543	6,364	6,590	6,255
NEW BEDFORD	109,189	110,308	110,341	110,022	112,597	119,539	121,217
North Attleborough	12,146	11,552	10,359	10,202	10,197	9,790	9,238
Norton	4,401	3,096	3,107	2,925	2,737	2,769	2,374
Raynham	2,426	2,214	2,141	2,208	2,136	2,128	1,695
Rehoboth	3,700	3,036	2,736	2,777	2,610	2,332	2,065
Seekonk	6,104	5,249	4,912	5,011	4,762	4,191	2,898
Somerset	8,566	6,815	5,873	5,656	5,398	4,818	3,520
Swansea	6,121	5,565	4,684	4,327	3,941	3,250	2,334
TAUNTON	40,109	38,612	37,395	37,431	37,355	39,255	37,137
Westport	4,989	4,748	4,134	4,355	4,408	4,207	3,115
DUKES.	5,633	5,050	5,669	5,700	4,953	4,862	4,372
Chilmark	183	230	226	253	252	240	240
Edgartown	1,508	1,296	1,370	1,399	1,276	1,235	1,190
Gay Head	88	114	127	158	161	168	144
Gosnold	56	107	136	129	120	142	131
Oak Bluffs	1,521	1,345	1,584	1,657	1,333	1,314	1,047
Tisbury	1,930	1,719	1,966	1,822	1,541	1,431	1,275
West Tisbury	347	239	260	282	270	332	345
ESSEX.	522,384	519,333	496,313	504,483	498,040	496,832	482,156
Amesbury	10,851	10,824	10,862	10,514	11,899	11,229	10,036
Andover	12,437	11,920	11,122	10,542	9,969	10,291	8,268
BEVERLY	28,884	26,814	25,537	25,871	25,086	22,685	22,561
Boxford	926	811	778	726	652	581	588
Danvers	15,720	14,614	14,179	13,884	12,957	11,798	11,108
Essex	1,794	1,561	1,384	1,486	1,465	1,403	1,478
Georgetown	2,411	1,978	1,803	2,009	1,853	1,888	2,004
GLOUCESTER	25,167	24,862	24,046	24,164	24,204	23,375	22,947
Groveland	2,340	2,150	2,122	2,219	2,336	2,485	2,650
Hamilton	2,764	2,387	2,037	2,235	2,044	2,018	1,631
HAVERHILL	47,280	46,162	46,752	49,516	48,710	49,232	53,884
Ipswich	6,895	6,610	6,348	6,217	5,599	6,055	6,201
LAWRENCE	80,536	85,603	84,323	86,785	85,068	93,527	94,270
LYNN	99,738	105,153	98,123	100,909	102,320	103,081	99,148
Lynnfield	3,927	2,921	2,287	1,896	1,594	1,331	1,165
Manchester	2,868	2,539	2,472	2,509	2,636	2,499	2,466
Marblehead	13,765	12,524	10,856	10,173	8,668	8,214	7,324
Merrimac	2,804	2,384	2,320	2,209	2,392	2,349	2,173
Methuen	24,477	23,160	21,880	21,073	21,069	20,606	15,189
Middleton	2,916	2,415	2,348	1,975	1,712	1,667	1,195
Nahant	2,679	2,396	1,835	1,748	1,654	1,630	1,318
Newbury	1,994	1,636	1,599	1,576	1,530	1,432	1,303
NEWBURYPORT	14,111	14,079	13,916	14,815	15,084	15,656	15,618
North Andover	8,485	7,936	7,524	7,164	6,961	6,839	6,265
PEABODY	22,645	22,303	21,711	22,082	21,345	19,870	19,552
Rockport	4,231	3,992	3,556	3,634	3,630	3,949	3,878
Rowley	1,768	1,585	1,533	1,495	1,356	1,408	1,249
SALEM	41,880	42,833	41,213	43,472	43,353	42,821	42,529
Salisbury	2,695	2,622	2,376	2,245	2,194	1,820	1,701
Saugus	17,162	16,662	14,825	15,076	14,700	12,743	10,874
Swampscott	11,580	11,835	10,761	10,480	10,346	8,953	8,101
Topsfield	1,412	1,153	1,150	1,113	986	915	900
Wenham	1,644	1,406	1,220	1,196	1,119	1,145	1,090
West Newbury	1,598	1,503	1,515	1,475	1,549	1,337	1,492

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FRANKLIN.	52,747	51,066	49,453	51,043	49,612	49,598	49,361
Ashfield	977	933	872	918	860	919	869
Bernardston	1,117	1,022	954	975	893	844	769
Buckland	1,605	1,525	1,527	1,540	1,497	1,555	1,433
Charlemont	855	812	789	923	816	820	808
Colrairie	1,546	1,455	1,497	1,554	1,391	1,562	1,607
Conway	873	867	944	952	900	931	961
Deerfield	3,086	3,083	2,684	2,963	2,882	2,968	2,803
Erving	1,322	1,315	1,328	1,283	1,263	1,334	1,295
Gill	1,070	918	931	995	983	918	879
Greenfield	17,349	17,020	15,672	15,903	15,500	15,246	15,462
Hawley	244	203	257	308	313	354	390
Heath	305	327	359	368	331	298	325
Leverett	791	594	688	726	677	664	695
Leyden	306	254	260	253	261	270	330
Monroe	174	171	207	240	218	143	173
Montague	7,812	7,602	7,582	7,967	8,081	7,973	7,675
New Salem	392	364	357	443	414	519	512
Northfield	2,246	2,064	1,975	1,950	1,888	1,821	1,775
Orange	5,894	5,762	5,611	5,383	5,365	5,141	5,393
Rowe	199	178	233	277	298	292	333
Shelburne	1,756	1,656	1,636	1,606	1,544	1,538	1,436
Shutesbury	213	201	191	239	222	208	242
Sunderland	905	1,018	1,085	1,182	1,159	1,290	1,289
Warwick	429	401	444	565	367	364	327
Wendell	342	348	391	397	353	397	346
Whately	939	973	979	1,133	1,136	1,229	1,234
HAMPDEN.	367,971	351,757	332,107	333,495	335,496	327,088	300,305
Agawam	10,166	8,420	7,842	7,206	7,095	6,290	5,023
Blandford	597	521	479	469	545	437	479
Brimfield	1,182	975	1,012	892	884	840	778
Chester	1,292	1,252	1,284	1,362	1,464	1,514	1,302
CHICOPEE	49,211	44,626	41,664	41,952	43,930	41,882	36,214
East Longmeadow	4,881	3,805	3,403	3,375	3,327	3,134	2,352
Granville	740	656	668	704	674	609	655
Hampden	1,322	1,153	1,023	854	684	632	624
Holland	377	265	247	201	137	141	153
HOLYOKE	54,661	53,775	53,750	56,139	56,537	60,335	60,203
Longmeadow	6,508	6,411	5,790	5,105	4,437	3,333	2,618
Ludlow	8,660	8,065	8,181	8,569	8,876	8,802	7,470
Monson	6,125	5,662	5,597	5,193	4,918	5,089	4,826
Montgomery	157	137	178	174	141	191	229
Palmer	9,533	9,716	9,149	9,437	9,577	11,044	9,896
Russell	1,298	1,221	1,242	1,283	1,237	1,398	1,237
Southwick	2,855	1,885	1,579	1,540	1,461	1,267	1,194
SPRINGFIELD	162,399	159,896	149,554	149,642	149,900	142,065	129,614
Tolland	107	111	129	141	134	150	192
Wales	497	354	367	382	360	434	419
WESTFIELD	20,962	19,956	18,793	18,788	19,775	19,342	18,604
West Springfield	20,438	19,453	17,135	17,118	16,684	15,326	13,443
Wilbraham	4,003	3,442	3,041	2,969	2,719	2,833	2,780
HAMPSHIRE.	87,594	74,375	72,461	74,205	72,801	75,122	69,599
Amherst	10,856	7,089	6,410	6,473	5,888	5,972	5,550
Belchertown	4,487	3,769	3,503	3,863	3,139	2,905	2,058
Chesterfield	496	375	422	445	420	445	441
Cummington	620	532	608	610	531	508	489
Easthampton	10,694	10,578	10,316	10,486	11,323	11,587	11,261

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HAMPSHIRE — Con.							
Enfield ²	—	—	—	495	497	749	790
Goshen	321	278	237	257	248	251	224
Granby	1,861	1,143	1,085	956	891	810	779
Greenwich ²	—	—	—	219	238	450	399
Hadley	2,639	2,606	2,576	2,711	2,682	2,888	2,784
Hatfield	2,179	2,188	2,216	2,433	2,476	2,702	2,651
Huntington	1,257	1,242	1,340	1,345	1,242	1,543	1,425
Middlefield	295	226	201	220	197	223	280
NORTHAMPTON	29,063	24,977	24,794	24,525	24,381	24,145	21,951
Pelham	579	512	568	504	455	519	503
Plainfield	228	224	264	332	306	282	332
Prescott ²	—	—	—	18	48	230	236
Southampton	1,387	1,102	950	954	931	916	814
South Hadley	10,145	7,352	6,856	6,838	6,773	6,609	5,527
Ware	7,517	7,578	7,557	7,727	7,385	8,629	8,525
Westhampton	452	413	403	405	374	337	305
Williamsburg	2,056	1,828	1,684	1,859	1,891	1,993	1,866
Worthington	462	363	471	530	485	429	409
MIDDLESEX.	1,064,569	1,022,331	971,390	958,855	934,924	860,414	778,352
Acton	3,510	2,869	2,701	2,635	2,482	2,387	2,162
Arlington	44,353	43,515	40,013	38,539	36,094	24,943	18,665
Ashby	1,464	1,110	1,026	957	982	907	834
Ashland	3,500	2,920	2,479	2,497	2,397	2,521	2,287
Ayer	5,740	3,967	3,572	3,861	3,060	3,032	3,052
Bedford	5,234	4,170	3,807	3,185	2,603	1,514	1,362
Belmont	27,381	28,866	26,867	24,831	21,748	15,256	10,749
Billerica	11,101	8,504	7,933	6,650	5,880	4,913	3,646
Boxborough	439	358	376	404	312	333	298
Burlington	3,250	2,656	2,275	2,146	1,722	1,431	885
CAMBRIDGE	120,740	111,124	110,879	118,075	113,643	119,669	109,694
Carlisle	876	697	747	688	569	510	463
Chelmsford	9,407	8,726	8,077	7,595	7,022	6,573	5,682
Concord	8,623	8,382	7,972	7,723	7,477	7,056	6,461
Dracut	8,666	7,434	7,339	6,500	6,912	6,400	5,280
Dunstable	522	440	447	419	384	338	353
EVERETT	45,982	48,553	46,784	47,228	48,424	42,072	40,120
Frammingham	28,086	25,502	23,214	22,651	22,210	21,078	17,033
Groton	2,889	2,835	2,550	2,534	2,434	2,428	2,185
Holliston	3,753	3,311	3,000	2,925	2,864	2,812	2,707
Hopkinton	3,486	2,856	2,697	2,616	2,563	2,580	2,289
Hudson	8,211	8,126	8,042	8,495	8,469	8,130	7,607
Lexington	17,335	14,452	13,187	10,813	9,467	7,785	6,350
Lincoln	2,427	1,998	1,783	1,573	1,493	1,306	1,042
Littleton	2,349	1,673	1,651	1,530	1,447	1,411	1,277
LOWELL	97,249	101,229	101,389	100,114	100,234	110,296	112,759
MALDEN	59,804	59,567	58,010	57,277	58,036	51,789	49,103
MARLBOROUGH	15,756	15,680	15,154	15,781	15,587	16,236	15,028
Maynard	6,978	7,017	6,812	7,107	7,156	7,857	7,086
MEDFORD	66,113	67,071	63,083	61,444	59,714	47,627	39,038
MELROSE	26,988	27,971	25,333	24,256	23,170	20,165	18,204
Natick	19,838	15,789	13,851	14,394	13,589	12,871	10,907
NEWTON	81,994	77,257	69,873	66,144	65,276	53,003	46,054
North Reading	4,402	3,089	2,886	2,321	1,945	1,689	1,286
Pepperell	3,460	3,119	3,114	3,004	2,922	2,779	2,468
Reading	14,006	12,327	10,866	10,703	9,767	8,693	7,439
Sherborn	1,245	1,036	1,022	994	943	929	1,558
Shirley	4,271	2,459	2,608	2,548	2,427	2,394	2,260
SOMERVILLE	102,351	105,883	102,177	100,773	103,908	99,032	93,091
Stoneham	13,229	12,032	10,765	10,841	10,060	9,084	7,873

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MIDDLESEX — Con.							
Stow	1,700	1,337	1,243	1,190	1,142	1,185	1,101
Sudbury	2,596	2,051	1,754	1,638	1,182	1,394	1,211
Tewksbury	7,505	5,949	6,261	6,563	5,585	4,985	4,450
Townsend	2,817	2,298	2,065	1,942	1,752	1,895	1,575
Tyngsborough	2,059	1,495	1,634	1,331	1,358	1,107	1,044
Wakefield	19,633	18,677	16,223	16,494	16,318	15,611	13,025
WALTHAM	47,187	43,577	40,020	40,557	39,247	34,746	30,915
Watertown	37,329	37,438	35,427	35,827	34,913	25,480	21,457
Wayland	4,407	3,901	3,505	3,346	2,937	2,255	1,935
Westford	4,262	3,815	3,830	3,789	3,600	3,571	3,170
Weston	5,026	4,473	3,590	3,848	3,332	2,906	2,282
Wilmington	7,039	5,564	4,645	4,493	4,013	3,515	2,581
Winchester	15,509	15,300	15,081	13,371	12,719	11,565	10,485
WOBURN	20,492	19,886	19,751	19,695	19,434	18,370	16,574
NANTUCKET.	3,484	2,870	3,401	3,495	3,678	3,152	2,797
Nantucket	3,484	2,870	3,401	3,495	3,678	3,152	2,797
NORFOLK.	392,308	363,410	325,180	320,826	299,426	262,065	219,081
Avon	2,666	2,533	2,335	2,362	2,414	2,360	2,176
Bellingham	4,100	3,494	2,979	3,056	3,189	2,877	2,102
Braintree	23,161	20,279	16,378	17,122	15,712	13,193	10,580
Brookline	57,589	56,940	49,786	50,319	47,490	42,681	37,748
Canton	7,465	6,704	6,381	6,505	5,816	5,896	5,945
Cohasset	3,731	3,540	3,111	3,418	3,083	2,913	2,639
Dedham	18,487	16,659	15,508	15,371	15,136	13,918	10,792
Dover	1,722	1,566	1,374	1,305	1,195	1,044	867
Foxborough	7,030	6,457	6,303	5,834	5,347	4,934	4,136
Franklin	8,037	7,531	7,303	7,494	7,028	7,055	6,497
Holbrook	4,004	3,716	3,330	3,364	3,353	3,273	3,161
Medfield	4,549	4,199	4,384	4,162	4,066	3,867	3,595
Medway	3,744	3,363	3,297	3,268	3,153	3,144	2,956
Millis	2,551	2,329	2,278	2,093	1,738	1,791	1,485
Milton	22,395	21,718	18,708	18,147	16,434	12,861	9,382
Needham	16,313	14,507	12,445	11,828	10,845	8,977	7,012
Norfolk	2,704	2,006	2,294	2,073	1,429	1,213	1,159
Norwood	16,636	16,508	15,383	15,574	15,049	14,151	12,627
Plainville	2,088	1,837	1,302	1,606	1,583	1,512	1,365
QUINCY	83,835	82,084	75,810	76,909	71,983	60,055	47,876
Randolph	9,982	8,463	7,634	7,580	6,553	5,644	4,756
Sharon	4,847	4,073	3,737	3,683	3,351	3,119	2,467
Stoughton	11,146	9,063	8,632	8,478	8,204	7,857	6,865
Walpole	9,109	8,409	7,443	7,449	7,273	6,508	5,446
Wellesley	20,549	17,581	15,127	13,376	11,439	9,049	6,224
Westwood	5,837	4,797	3,376	2,537	2,097	1,706	1,358
Weymouth	32,690	27,957	23,866	21,748	20,882	17,253	15,057
Wrentham	5,341	5,097	4,674	4,160	3,584	3,214	2,808
PLYMOUTH.	189,468	180,318	168,824	166,329	162,311	164,257	156,968
Abington	7,152	6,374	5,708	5,696	5,872	5,882	5,787
Bridgewater	9,512	8,641	8,902	9,201	9,055	9,468	8,438
BRACKTON	62,860	65,202	62,343	62,407	63,797	65,343	66,254
Carver	1,530	1,383	1,469	1,559	1,381	1,306	891
Duxbury	3,167	2,432	2,359	2,244	1,696	1,688	1,553
East Bridgewater	4,412	4,008	3,832	3,670	3,591	3,538	3,486
Halifax	944	997	867	817	728	614	563
Hanover	3,389	3,018	2,875	2,709	2,808	2,755	2,575
Hanson	3,264	2,641	2,570	2,417	2,184	2,166	1,910
Hingham	10,665	9,676	8,003	7,330	6,657	6,158	5,604

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PLYMOUTH — Con.							
Hull	3,379	3,388	2,167	2,619	2,047	2,652	1,771
Kingston	3,461	2,922	2,783	2,743	2,672	2,524	2,505
Lakeville	2,066	1,555	1,780	1,443	1,574	1,439	1,419
Marion	2,250	2,120	2,030	1,867	1,638	1,271	1,288
Marshfield	3,267	2,405	2,419	2,073	1,625	1,777	1,379
Mattapoisett	2,265	1,994	1,608	1,682	1,501	1,556	1,277
Middleborough	10,164	9,596	9,032	8,865	8,608	9,136	8,453
Norwell	2,515	2,147	1,871	1,666	1,519	1,466	1,348
Pembroke	2,579	1,821	1,718	1,621	1,492	1,480	1,358
Plymouth	13,608	13,536	13,100	13,183	13,042	13,176	13,045
Plympton	697	545	532	558	511	511	469
Rochester	1,328	1,107	1,269	1,229	1,141	1,100	1,047
Rockland	8,960	8,603	8,087	7,890	7,524	7,966	7,544
Scituate	5,993	4,873	4,130	3,846	3,118	2,713	2,534
Wareham	7,569	7,439	6,364	6,047	5,686	5,594	4,415
West Bridgewater	4,059	3,605	3,247	3,356	3,206	3,121	2,908
Whitman	8,413	8,290	7,759	7,591	7,638	7,857	7,147
SUFFOLK.	896,615	860,709	863,248	912,706	879,536	876,286	835,522
BOSTON	801,444	766,386	770,816	817,713	781,188	779,620	748,060
CHELSEA	38,912	39,940	41,259	42,673	45,816	47,247	43,184
REVERE	36,763	35,687	34,405	35,319	35,680	33,261	28,823
Winthrop	19,496	18,696	16,768	17,001	16,852	16,158	15,455
WORCESTER.	546,401	522,607	504,470	495,562	491,242	489,697	455,135
Ashburnham	2,603	2,325	2,255	2,051	2,079	2,159	2,012
Athol	11,554	11,804	11,180	10,751	10,677	9,602	9,792
Auburn	8,840	7,865	6,629	6,535	6,147	4,927	3,891
Barre	3,406	3,485	3,528	3,509	3,510	3,329	3,357
Berlin	1,349	1,119	1,057	1,091	1,075	1,071	868
Blackstone	4,968	4,349	4,566	4,588	4,674	4,802	4,299
Bolton	956	830	775	739	764	801	708
Boylston	1,700	1,313	1,388	1,361	1,097	970	794
Brookfield ¹	1,567	1,390	1,393	1,369	1,352	1,401	2,216
Charlton	3,136	3,051	2,557	2,366	2,154	2,295	1,995
Clinton	12,287	12,736	12,440	12,373	12,817	14,180	12,979
Dana ²	—	—	—	387	595	657	599
Douglas	2,624	2,667	2,617	2,403	2,195	2,363	2,181
Dudley	5,261	4,725	4,616	4,568	4,265	4,594	3,701
East Brookfield ¹	1,243	1,670	1,016	945	926	929	—
FITCHBURG	42,691	43,770	41,824	41,700	40,692	43,609	41,029
GARDNER	19,581	20,245	20,206	20,397	19,359	18,730	16,971
Grafton	8,281	7,969	7,457	7,681	7,030	6,973	6,887
Hardwick	2,348	2,115	2,154	2,379	2,460	3,046	3,085
Harvard	3,983	1,065	1,790	952	987	996	2,546
Holden	5,975	4,846	3,924	3,914	3,871	3,436	2,970
Hopedale	3,479	3,317	3,113	3,068	2,973	3,165	2,777
Hubbardston	1,134	1,019	1,022	1,000	1,010	1,067	1,045
Lancaster	3,601	3,037	2,963	2,590	2,897	2,678	2,461
Leicester	6,029	5,154	4,851	4,426	4,445	4,110	3,635

¹ The town of East Brookfield was formed from a part of the town of Brookfield under chapter 178 of the Acts of 1920.

² The territory which formerly included the town of Dana in the county of Worcester and the towns of Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott in the county of Hampshire was taken for a water basin by the Metropolitan Water Commission under the provisions of chapter 240 of the Acts of 1938, and these towns ceased to exist as separate political subdivisions of the Commonwealth and were annexed to the town of Petersham in the county of Worcester and to the town of New Salem in the county of Franklin, as provided in said chapter 240 of the Acts of 1938.

POPULATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS, ETC. — *Concluded.*

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	1950.	1945.	1940.	1935.	1930.	1925.	1920.
WORCESTER — Con.							
LEOMINSTER	24,075	23,549	22,226	21,894	21,810	22,120	19,744
Lunenburg	3,906	2,657	2,195	2,124	1,923	1,875	1,634
Mendon	1,619	1,504	1,315	1,265	1,107	1,030	961
Milford	15,442	15,801	15,388	15,008	14,741	14,781	13,471
Millbury	8,347	7,666	6,983	6,879	6,957	6,441	5,653
Millville	1,692	1,616	1,722	1,901	2,111	2,366	2,224
New Braintree	478	409	439	436	407	423	394
Northborough	3,122	2,958	2,382	2,396	1,946	1,968	1,753
Northbridge	10,476	10,212	10,242	10,577	9,713	10,051	10,174
North Brookfield	3,444	3,121	3,304	3,186	3,013	3,046	2,610
Oakham	455	424	423	441	502	525	477
Oxford	5,851	5,022	4,623	4,249	3,943	4,026	3,820
Paxton	1,066	850	791	731	672	591	489
Petersham	814	743	923	718	660	672	642
Phillipston	638	475	481	423	357	384	354
Princeton	1,032	866	713	707	717	773	682
Royalston	838	750	795	841	744	821	819
Rutland	3,056	1,561	2,181	2,406	2,442	2,236	1,743
Shrewsbury	10,594	9,296	7,586	7,144	6,910	5,819	3,708
Southborough	2,760	2,330	2,231	2,109	2,166	2,053	1,838
Southbridge	17,519	17,561	16,825	15,786	14,264	15,489	14,245
Spencer	7,027	6,765	6,641	6,487	6,272	6,523	5,930
Sterling	2,166	1,897	1,713	1,556	1,502	1,516	1,305
Sturbridge	2,805	2,329	2,227	1,918	1,772	1,845	1,573
Sutton	3,102	2,610	2,949	2,408	2,147	2,174	2,578
Templeton	4,757	4,435	4,601	4,302	4,159	4,368	4,019
Upton	2,656	2,388	2,249	2,163	2,026	1,988	1,693
Uxbridge	7,007	6,635	6,417	6,397	6,285	6,172	5,384
Warren	3,406	3,498	3,531	3,662	3,765	3,950	3,467
Webster	13,194	13,534	13,186	13,837	12,992	13,389	13,258
Westborough	7,378	6,665	6,463	6,073	6,409	6,348	5,789
West Boylston	2,570	2,382	1,882	2,158	2,114	1,916	1,624
West Brookfield	1,674	1,457	1,387	1,258	1,255	1,314	1,281
Westminster	2,768	2,153	2,126	1,965	1,925	1,884	1,343
Winchendon	6,585	6,461	6,575	6,603	6,202	6,173	5,904
WORCESTER	203,486	198,741	193,694	190,471	195,311	190,757	179,754

Recapitulation

THE STATE AND COUNTIES.	1950.	1945.	1940.	1935.	1930.	1925.	1920.
THE STATE.	4,690,514	4,493,281	4,316,721	4,350,910	4,249,614	4,144,205	3,852,356
Barnstable	46,805	38,216	37,295	36,647	32,305	29,782	26,670
Berkshire	132,966	127,620	122,273	121,099	120,700	121,255	113,033
Bristol	381,569	373,619	364,637	366,465	364,590	383,795	359,005
Dukes	5,633	5,050	5,669	5,700	4,953	4,862	4,372
Essex	522,384	519,333	496,313	504,483	498,040	496,832	482,156
Franklin	52,747	51,066	49,453	51,043	49,612	49,598	49,361
Hampden	367,971	351,757	332,107	333,495	335,496	327,083	300,305
Hampshire	87,594	74,375	72,481	74,205	72,801	75,122	69,599
Middlesex	1,064,569	1,022,331	971,390	958,855	934,924	860,414	778,352
Nantucket	3,484	2,870	3,401	3,495	3,678	3,152	2,797
Norfolk	392,308	363,410	325,180	320,826	299,426	262,065	219,081
Plymouth	189,468	180,318	168,824	166,329	162,311	164,257	156,968
Suffolk	896,615	860,709	803,248	912,706	879,536	876,286	835,522
Worcester	548,401	522,607	504,470	495,562	491,242	489,697	455,135

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE
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ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION
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RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OF TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1950				
July 3	Norfolk County Commissioners	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of the Commonwealth and of certain counties, cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	June 27, 1950
July 17	Lowell	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the Army of the United States or of the United States Naval Reserve Forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	July 12, 1950
Aug. 4	Essex County Commissioners	Annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Aug. 1, 1950
Aug. 9	Norwood	Board of survey, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, ss. 81K-81U)	Accepted	Aug. 3, 1950
Sept. 6	Fall River	Forty hour work week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1948, 657 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	Sept. 2, 1950
Sept. 7	Gardner	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the Army of the United States or of the United States Naval Reserve Forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	
Sept. 14	Cambridge	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Aug. 29, 1950
Sept. 15	Webster	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-32	Accepted	Sept. 11, 1950
Oct. 2	Waltham	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Sept. 12, 1950
Oct. 19	Lynn	Annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Sept. 12, 1950
Oct. 19	Melrose	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, G. L. 148, s. 56	Accepted	Oct. 10, 1950
Oct. 26	Northampton	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Oct. 16, 1950
Oct. 26	Northampton	Advances of regular vacation pay for employees of cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	Oct. 19, 1950
Nov. 6	Gloucester	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Oct. 19, 1950
Nov. 21	Brockton	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 1, 1950
Nov. 21	Cambridge Election Commissioners	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Haverhill	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Melrose	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Charlton	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Duxbury	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Winchendon	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Gay Head	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Rejected	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Leyden	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Rejected	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 24	Lowell	Hours of employment of city and town employees further regulated, 1950, 653 (G. L. 149, s. 33B)	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Dec. 1	Wellesley	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of the Commonwealth and of certain counties, cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	Nov. 21, 1950
1951				
Jan. 2	Quincy	Improved method of municipal planning, G. L. 41, ss. 81A-81Y, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 21, 1950
Jan. 17	Boston	Hours of employment of city and town employees further regulated, 1950, 653 (G. L. 149, s. 33B)	Accepted	Nov. 6, 1950
Feb. 16	Pittsfield	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the Army of the United States or of the United States Naval Reserve Forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Jan. 12, 1951
				Feb. 14, 1951

Mar. 8	Milford	Tenure of office for certain city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Mar. 9	Watertown	Tenure of office for certain city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Mar. 12	Webster	Hours of employment of city and town employees further regulated, 1950, 653 (G. L. 149, s. 33B)	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Mar. 13	Maynard	Removal of snow and ice from private ways, 1943, 225 (G. L. 40, s. 6C)	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Mar. 14	Southbridge	Tenure of office for certain city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1951
Mar. 19	Westwood	Establishment of police departments in certain towns, 1948, 595 (G. L. 41, s. 97A)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1951
Mar. 19	Scituate	Tenure of office for certain city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1951
Mar. 21	Hull	Establishment of police departments in certain towns, 1948, 595 (G. L. 41, s. 97A)	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1951
Mar. 22	Marblehead	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1951
Mar. 23	Worcester	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1951
Mar. 23	Milton	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1951
Mar. 29	Lynnfield	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1951
Apr. 4	Braintree	Establishment of police departments in certain towns, 1948, 595 (G. L. 41, s. 97A)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1951
Apr. 4	Braintree	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 26, 1951
Apr. 4	Frammingham	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1948, 595 (G. L. 41, s. 97A)	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1951
Apr. 4	Auburn Water District, Auburn	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Apr. 4	Watertown	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Apr. 5	Bourne	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Feb. 13, 1950
Apr. 5	Bourne	Absent voting at regular town elections, G. L. 54, s. 103A, as amended	Accepted	Feb. 12, 1951
Apr. 5	Bourne	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the Army of the United States or of the United States Naval Reserve Forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Feb. 12, 1951
Apr. 5	Brookline	Establishment of purchasing department, G. L. 41, s. 103	Accepted	Feb. 12, 1951
Apr. 5	Brookline	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1951
Apr. 9	Arlington	Appropriation for municipal advertising, G. L. 40, s. 6A	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1951
Apr. 9	Arlington	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1951
Apr. 12	Weymouth	Forty hour work week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1948, 657 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1951
Apr. 12	Weymouth	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Apr. 28, 1951
Apr. 16	Wilmington	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1951
Apr. 30	Bolton	Establishment of a regional school district, 1949, 638, s. 1 (G. L. 71, ss. 16-16I)	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1951
May 1	Chatham	Absent voting at regular town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1, as amended (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 25, 1951
May 2	Arlington	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Apr. 27, 1951
May 2	Arlington	Municipal advertising, G. L. 40, s. 6A	Accepted	Apr. 27, 1951
May 7	Charlton	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-25, as amended	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1951
May 11	Pittsfield	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1951
June 4	Lowell	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of the Commonwealth and of certain counties, cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	May 3, 1951
June 14	Cambridge	Annual license fee for carrying on the business of slaughtering cattle, etc., 1949, 334, s. 2 (G. L. 94, s. 120)	Accepted	May 24, 1951
June 15	Medford	Installation of parking meters in off-street parking lots and use of the receipts therefrom, 1951, 326 (G. L. 40, s. 22C)	Accepted	June 11, 1951
June 18	Wilmington	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	June 12, 1951
June 22	Worcester	Reconsideration of appeal or petition for variance from terms of ordinance or by-law after unfavorable action, 1938, 133, s. 2 (G. L. 40, s. 30A)	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1951
			Accepted	June 19, 1951

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1950	District Clerk, Hillcrest	An Act establishing the Hillcrest Water District in the town of Leicester (1950, 358)	June 13, 1950	-1	-
July 5	District, Leicester	An Act relative to the civil service status of elevator inspectors in the building department of the city of Boston (1950, 590)	July 14, 1950	-1	-
July 17	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for a second assistant clerk of court for the first district court of Essex and for the district court of Chelsea (1950, 444)	July 14, 1940	-1	-
July 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for a second assistant clerk of court for the first district court of Essex and for the district court of Chelsea (1950, 444)	July 14, 1940	-1	-
July 18	Town Clerk, Needham	An Act relative to voting precincts and the nomination, election and terms of office of town meeting members in the town of Needham (1950, 31)	Mar. 13, 1950	1,467	338
Aug. 4	Town Clerk, Stoneham	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Stoneham (1949, 597)	Mar. 6, 1950	1,682	1,413
Aug. 14	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act relative to the filling of vacancies in the city council of the city of Fall River (1950, 90)	Aug. 10, 1950	-1	-
Aug. 25	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the school department of the city of Boston to transfer to the park department control of certain land on Poplar Street in said city (1950, 695)	Aug. 22, 1950	-1	-
Sept. 12	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to appropriate and pay a sum of money to Franklin J. Scels (1950, 775)	Sept. 6, 1950	-1	-
Sept. 18	City Clerk, Revere	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Sept. 11, 1950	-1	-
Sept. 22	Assistant Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Ipswich (1949, 247)	Mar. 13, 1950	1,418	1,035
Sept. 25	Town Clerk, Stoughton	An Act establishing in the town of Stoughton representative town government by limited town meetings (1949, 213)	Mar. 20, 1950	1,476	535
Sept. 25	Town Clerk, Egremont	An Act authorizing the town of Egremont to receive and administer the property of the Riverside Cemetery Corporation in said town (1949, 219)	Feb. 19, 1950	173	0
Sept. 26	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of director of rehabilitation of the city of Malden under the civil service laws (1949, 111)	Apr. 15, 1949	-1	-
Sept. 26	Assistant Town Clerk, Ayer	An Act authorizing the town of Ayer to construct an outfall sewer or force main and enlarge its sewage treatment works for the disposal of its sewage (1949, 800)	Aug. 12, 1949	-1	-
Sept. 27	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Sept. 25, 1950	-1	-
Oct. 2	Clerk, Dracut Water Supply	An Act exempting from taxation certain property in the Dracut Water Supply District (1949, 246)	Feb. 21, 1950	80	43
Oct. 18	District, Dracut	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Newburyport in odd numbered years beginning in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one (1950, 576)	Sept. 5, 1950	-1	-
Oct. 18	City Clerk, Newburyport	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Newburyport in odd numbered years beginning in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one (1950, 576)	Sept. 5, 1950	-1	-

Oct. 18	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to use certain playground land for highway purposes (1950, 16)	Oct.	10, 1950	-	-
Oct. 24	Town Clerk, Auburn	An Act establishing in the town of Auburn representative town government by limited town meetings (1950, 638)	Oct.	7, 1950	164	280
Oct. 24	Town Clerk, Hanson	An Act to authorize the placing of the positions of the regular or permanent members of the police force and the office of chief of police of the town of Hanson under the civil service laws (1949, 7)	Mar.	12, 1949	337	218
Oct. 24	Town Clerk, Greenfield	An Act relative to the hours of duty of permanent members of the fire department in the town of Greenfield (1949, 1)	Mar.	7, 1949	4,174	1,748
Nov. 1	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Oct.	30, 1950	-	-
Nov. 3	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Oct.	31, 1950	-	-
Nov. 6	Clerk, Warren Water District, Warren	An Act providing for extensions of the boundaries of the Warren Water District (1950, 410)	Oct.	26, 1950	-	-
Nov. 6	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	1, 1950	-	-
Nov. 21	Board of Election Commissioners, Boston	An Act providing for a five day work week for police officers of the city of Boston (1950, 323)	Nov.	7, 1950	182,203	81,042
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Leominster	An Act authorizing the city of Leominster to pay a sum of money to Yvonne M. Allen (1950, 594)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,512	2,575
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for the initiative and referendum for the city of Malden (1950, 29)	Nov.	7, 1950	12,454	3,767
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the payment of salaries to the aldermen and the common councilmen of the city of Malden (1950, 217)	Nov.	7, 1950	8,889	10,336
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for two days off out of every seven days for members of the Malden police department (1950, 320)	Nov.	7, 1950	17,274	5,737
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act to revise the charter of the city of Northampton (1950, 690)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,371	4,897
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act relative to the compensation of the members of the city council of the city of Woburn (1950, 578)	Nov.	7, 1950	3,321	4,373
Nov. 21	Town Clerk, Ashland	An Act providing for life tenure for Walter F. Schouler, incumbent of the office of chief of police of the town of Ashland (1950, 579)	Nov.	7, 1950	946	647
Nov. 21	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act relative to the hours of duty of the permanent members of the fire department in the town of Braintree (1950, 149)	Nov.	7, 1950	3,439	5,075
Nov. 21	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act establishing in the town of Framingham representative town government by limited town meetings (1949, 143)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,999	3,125
Nov. 21	Town Clerk, Wilmington	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Wilmington (1950, 592)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,401	750
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Salem	An Act authorizing the city of Salem to sell and convey certain park property (1949, 106)	Apr.	20, 1949	-	-
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Salem	An Act authorizing the city of Salem to use certain land for public school athletic activities (1949, 42)	Apr.	20, 1949	-	-

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1950					
Nov. 22	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the conveyance of certain park land by the city of Malden to the Malden Housing Authority for veterans' housing purposes (1949, 214)	Apr. 28, 1950	-7	-
Nov. 22	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act providing for party nominations for elective municipal officers in the city of Fitchburg (1949, 65)	Nov. 8, 1949	6,035	8,266
Nov. 22	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act relative to the hours of duty of permanent members of the fire department in the city of Taunton (1949, 33)	Nov. 8, 1949	4,300	5,255
Nov. 22	Town Clerk, Greenfield	An Act relative to the hours of duty of permanent members of the fire department in the town of Greenfield (1949, 1)	Mar. 7, 1949	4,174	1,748
Nov. 22	Town Clerk, Wareham	An Act to authorize the town of Wareham to borrow money for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing a school building (1949, 43)	June 6, 1949	-4	-
Nov. 24	City Clerk, Salem	An Act changing the date for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Salem (1950, 52)	Feb. 23, 1950	-4	-
Nov. 24	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act providing for the payment of an annual salary of five hundred dollars to each of the members of the board of aldermen of the city of Chicopee (1949, 248)	Nov. 8, 1949	5,238	14,191
Nov. 24	Town Clerk, Wilmington	An Act authorizing George W. Buck, tax collector of the town of Wilmington, to become a member of the contributory retirement system of said town, and making him eligible for certain retirement benefits thereunder (1949, 108)	May 9, 1949	-4	-
Nov. 24	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov. 2, 1950	-7	-
Nov. 27	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Nov. 24, 1950	-3	-
Nov. 27	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act providing for a limitation of the term of a person elected to fill a vacancy in the school committee of the city of Gloucester (1949, 161)	Dec. 6, 1949	3,786	2,839
Nov. 27	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act authorizing the city of Gloucester to use for public school purposes a certain portion of the Maxwell Parsons Playground, so called, in said city (1949, 175)	Apr. 22, 1949	-3	-
Nov. 27	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov. 14, 1950	-3	-
Nov. 27	Clerk, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Nov. 21, 1950	-8	-
Nov. 27	Clerk, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov. 21, 1950	-8	-
Nov. 27	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov. 20, 1950	-3	-

Nov. 27	Temporary City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	20, 1950	-8
Nov. 30	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	28, 1950	-8
Nov. 30	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Nov.	27, 1950	-8
Dec. 1	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	30, 1950	-2
Dec. 1	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Nov.	16, 1950	-2
Dec. 4	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	30, 1950	-2
Dec. 4	Chairman, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Dec.	1, 1950	-9
Dec. 4	Chairman, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	1, 1950	-9
Dec. 4	Clerk, Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	1, 1950	-9
Dec. 4	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex Commissioners	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	28, 1950	-6
Dec. 12	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	5, 1950	-2
Dec. 12	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	7, 1950	-2
Dec. 13	Assistant Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	5, 1950	-11
Dec. 18	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	7, 1950	-3

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1950					
Dec. 18	Town Clerk, Watertown . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec. 4, 1950	-13	-
Dec. 22	City Clerk, North Adams . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Dec. 20, 1950	-1	-
Dec. 22	Assistant City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Dec. 20, 1950	-1	-
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Abington . . .	An Act providing for the declaration by popular referendum in certain cities and towns as to whether a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control therein (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,368	952
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Acton . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	706	537
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Acushnet . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	828	343
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Adams . . .	An Act providing for the declaration by popular referendum in certain cities and towns as to whether a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control therein (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950		
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Agawam . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,002	1,324
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Alford . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,064	1,024
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Amesbury . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	25	39
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Amherst . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,110	1,200
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Andover . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,721	1,016
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Arlington . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,979	1,928
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Ashburnham . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	11,067	6,111
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Ashby . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	452	314
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Ashland . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	208	226
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Athol . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	813	416
Dec. 26	City Clerk, Attleboro . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,017	1,342
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Auburn . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	4,716	2,411
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Ayer . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,776	876
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Barnstable . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	463	282
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Barre . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	693	304
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Becket . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,768	1,424
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Bedford . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	574	350
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Belchertown . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	126	96
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Bellingham . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	518	348
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Belchertown . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	449	308
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Bellingham . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	726	336

Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Belmont	Nov.	7, 1950	6,798	4,311
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Berkley	Nov.	7, 1950	176	148
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Berlin	Nov.	7, 1950	189	229
Dec. 26	City Clerk, Beverly	Nov.	7, 1950	6,558	2,992
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Billerica	Nov.	7, 1950	2,057	1,023
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Blackstone	Nov.	7, 1950	1,096	1,390
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Blanford	Nov.	7, 1950	85	117
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Bolton	Nov.	7, 1950	141	153
Dec. 26	City Clerk, Boston	Nov.	7, 1950	185,007	41,168
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Bourne	Nov.	7, 1950	671	557
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Boxborough	Nov.	7, 1950	64	76
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Boxford	Nov.	7, 1950	114	279
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Boylston	Nov.	7, 1950	262	212
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Braintree	Nov.	7, 1950	4,775	2,764
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Brewster	Nov.	7, 1950	163	190
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Bridgewater	Nov.	7, 1950	1,019	749
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Brimfield	Nov.	7, 1950	163	134
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Brookton	Nov.	7, 1950	14,178	7,918
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Brookfield	Nov.	7, 1950	290	196
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Brookline	Nov.	7, 1950	12,981	3,880
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Burlington	Nov.	7, 1950	595	224
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Cambridge	Nov.	7, 1950	30,125	6,592
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Canton	Nov.	7, 1950	1,566	740
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Carlisle	Nov.	7, 1950	136	139
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Chatham	Nov.	7, 1950	416	275
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Chatham	Nov.	7, 1950	432	374
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Chelmsford	Nov.	7, 1950	1,656	1,116
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Chelsea	Nov.	7, 1950	9,410	2,058
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Cheshire	Nov.	7, 1950	308	183
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Chester	Nov.	7, 1950	185	134
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Chesterfield	Nov.	7, 1950	41	96
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Chicopee	Nov.	7, 1950	11,516	4,674
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Clarksburg	Nov.	7, 1950	264	103
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Clinton	Nov.	7, 1950	2,531	1,325
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Cohasset	Nov.	7, 1950	811	565
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Concord	Nov.	7, 1950	1,963	1,147
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Cummington	Nov.	7, 1950	106	125
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Dalton	Nov.	7, 1950	1,084	553
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Danvers	Nov.	7, 1950	2,576	1,417
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Dartmouth	Nov.	7, 1950	2,015	1,104
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Dedham	Nov.	7, 1950	3,913	1,898
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dennis	Nov.	7, 1950	446	484
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dighton	Nov.	7, 1950	527	309
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Douglas	Nov.	7, 1950	583	307
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dover	Nov.	7, 1950	349	335

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Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dracont	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,447	754
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dudley	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,882	425
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dunstable	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	57	106
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, East Bridgewater	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	583	519
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, East Brookfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	231	153
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, East Longmeadow	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,132	572
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Eastham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	140	199
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Easthampton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,516	1,030
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Easton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,113	771
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Egremont	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	123	112
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Essex	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	294	242
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Everett	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	9,121	3,141
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,729	1,178
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Fall River	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	23,000	8,458
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Falmouth	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,309	889
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Fitchburg	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	9,055	5,050
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Florida	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	78	55
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Foxborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,036	691
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Framingham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	5,624	2,221
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Franklin	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,409	672
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Freestown	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	311	210
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Gardner	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	4,022	1,800
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Georgetown	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	351	319
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Gloucester	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,741	1,893
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Goshen	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	33	67
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Grafton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,172	639
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Granby	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	336	244
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Granville	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	107	131

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Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Mansfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,282	809
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Marlborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,346	2,494
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Northborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,422	1,356
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Nashua	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	62	25
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Mattapoisett	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	481	302
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Maynard	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,512	563
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Medford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	556	323
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Medford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	15,134	6,368
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Medway	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	650	425
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Melrose	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	6,951	4,466
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Mendon	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	286	247
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Merrimac	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	419	362
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Methuen	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	5,329	2,830
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Middleborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,787	1,181
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Middlefield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	33	33
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Middleton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	398	219
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Milford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,743	1,008
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Millbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,382	789
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Mills	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	538	236
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Millville	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	276	110
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Milton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	6,689	2,949
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Monson	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	742	435
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Monterey	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	75	84
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Montgomery	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	27	30
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Mount Washington	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	8	6
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Nahant	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	607	371
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Natick	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,768	1,958
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Needham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,737	2,645
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Needham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	11	18
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, New Ashford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	23,365	9,414
Dec. 29	City Clerk, New Bedford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	51	72
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, New Brantree	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	124	115
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, New Marlborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	326	331
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Newbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,523	1,730
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Newburyport	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950		

Dec. 29	City Clerk, Newton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	20,618	9,484
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Norfolk	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	302	172
Dec. 29	City Clerk, North Adams	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	4,967	1,850
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, North Andover	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	1,982	1,214
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, North Attleborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	2,415	1,110
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, North Brookfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	518	390
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, North Brookfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	425	425
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, North Reading	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	805	6,346
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Northampton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	6,346	2,583
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Northampton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	613	407
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Northbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	2,683	970
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Norton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	674	351
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Norwood	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	3,770	1,594
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Oakham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	81	60
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Orleans	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	320	347
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Otis	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	69	73
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Oxford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	935	521
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Palmer	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	1,860	916
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Paxton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	193	148
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Peabody	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	4,863	1,785
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Pelham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	88	76
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Pepperell	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	579	433
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Peru	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	21	17
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Petersham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	108	135
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Phillipston	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	84	55
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Pittsfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	10,690	5,400
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Plainfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	34	43
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Plainville	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	391	244
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Plymouth	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	2,311	1,248
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Princeton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	142	158
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Provincetown	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	423	468
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Quincy	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	19,538	9,534
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Randolph	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	1,715	771
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Raynham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	359	259
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Reading	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	3,203	2,048
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Rehoboth	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	502	353
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Revere	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	9,605	2,412
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Richmond	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	116	106
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Rockland	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	1,566	886
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Rockport	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	800	666
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Rowley	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	236	319
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Royalston	Same act as above (1950, 752)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Nov.	7, 1950	111	106
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Russell	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	262	136
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Rutland	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	350	199

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1950		An Act providing for the declaration by popular referendum in certain cities and towns as to whether a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control therein (1950, 752)			
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Salem	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	10,307	4,402
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Salisbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	440	354
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sandisfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	92	39
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sandwich	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	254	227
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Saugus	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,594	1,526
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Savoy	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	32	30
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Seekonk	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	895	595
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sharon	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,007	645
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sheffield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	337	249
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sherborn	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	124	344
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Shirley	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	367	231
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,901	1,144
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Somerset	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,543	648
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Somerville	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	23,892	8,162
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, South Hadley	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,287	1,070
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Southampton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	229	217
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Southborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	518	332
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Southbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,671	1,704
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Southwick	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,384	236
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Spencer	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,824	771
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Springfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	40,847	14,569
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sterling	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	403	281
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Stockbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	403	254
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Stoneham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,825	1,543
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Stoughton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,130	920
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Stow	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	236	215
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sturbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	462	266
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sudbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	490	334
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sutton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	495	348
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Swampscott	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,079	1,849
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Swansea	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,395	626
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Taunton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	7,075	3,667
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Templeton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	777	442
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Tewksbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	837	517

Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Tolland	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	20	15
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Topsfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	259	286
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Townsend	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	420	345
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Truro	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	129	105
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Tyngsborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	380	244
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Tyringham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	36	30
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Upton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	456	295
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Uxbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,287	648
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wakefield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,140	2,318
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wales	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	64	66
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Walpole	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,770	826
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Waltham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	7,533	2,899
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Ware	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,337	785
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Warren	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	530	388
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Washington	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	36	29
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Watertown	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	9,239	3,912
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wayland	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	955	565
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Webster	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	2,909	1,321
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wellsley	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,264	3,140
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wellfleet	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	224	219
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wenham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	317	340
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Boylston	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	548	319
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Bridgewater	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	591	563
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Brookfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	231	231
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Newbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	210	207
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Springfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,462	1,974
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Stockbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	170	107
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,094	733
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Westfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,135	1,920
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	609	386
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westhampton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	50	75
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westminster	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	345	295
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Weston	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,010	915
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westport	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	712	483
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westwood	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,220	860
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Weymouth	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	6,565	2,829
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Whitman	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,490	1,007
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wilbraham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	879	539
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Williamsburg	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	397	246
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Williamstown	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,114	560
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wilmington	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,204	527
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Winchendon	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	976	563
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Winchester	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	3,560	2,638

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1950		An Act providing for the declaration by popular referendum in certain cities and towns as to whether a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control therein (1950, 752)			41
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Windsor	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	40	1,881
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wintthrop	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	4,926	2,146
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Woburn	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	4,850	18,524
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Worcester	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	47,906	57
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Worthington	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	78	408
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wrentham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	610	522
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Yarmouth	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	558	
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Newburyport	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Newburyport in odd numbered years beginning in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one (1950, 576)	Sept. 5, 1950	-3	
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act authorizing the town of Watertown to use a part of Saltonstall Park as a public way (1950, 566)	Dec. 4, 1950	-12	
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act authorizing pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees (1950, 740)	Dec. 4, 1950	-12	
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Dec. 4, 1950	-12	
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec. 4, 1950	-12	
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Douglas	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec. 20, 1950	-12	
1951		An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Jan. 8, 1951	-7	
Jan. 3	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Dec. 28, 1950	-2	
Jan. 3	City Clerk, Everett	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec. 28, 1950	-2	
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Jan. 4, 1951	-13	
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Jan. 1, 1951	-7	

Jan. 12	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Jan. 11, 1951	-2	-
Jan. 17	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act establishing the Dedham-Westwood Water District (1950, 610)	Jan. 15, 1951	-4	-
Jan. 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees (1950, 740)	Jan. 17, 1951	-3	-
Feb. 16	Town Clerk, Provincetown	An Act authorizing the town of Provincetown to establish a board of public works exercising the powers and duties of water commissioners, sewer commissioners and of selectmen with respect to highways (1950, 47)	Feb. 12, 1951	547	457
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Palmer	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Feb. 12, 1951	-12	-
Feb. 23	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing cities and towns to appropriate money for entertaining and presenting souvenirs to persons inducted into the armed forces of the United States (1951, 52)	Feb. 20, 1951	-3	-
Feb. 23	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees (1950, 740)	Feb. 20, 1951	-6	-
Mar. 1	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Feb. 23, 1951	-3	-
Mar. 1	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Feb. 19, 1951	-3	-
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Hamilton	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 5, 1951	-12	-
Mar 12	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 6, 1951	-12	-
Mar 12	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Mar. 6, 1951	-12	-
Mar 14	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 10, 1951	-12	-
Mar 14	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Mar. 10, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 9, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Lincoln	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 5, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Sherborn	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 10, 1951	-12	-

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1051 Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Grafton . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 10, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Westwood . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 12, 1951	-4	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Berlin . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 12, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Marblehead . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 12, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Spencer . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 12, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Braintree . . .	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Mar. 8, 1951	-4	-
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Braintree . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 19, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Winchester . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 19, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Bourne . . .	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Mar. 15, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Bourne . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Feb. 12, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Brookline . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Feb. 12, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 6	Town Clerk, Arlington . . .	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 820)	Mar. 27, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 6	Town Clerk, Arlington . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 28, 1951	-4	-
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Apr. 9	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act to establish in the town of Natick representative town government by limited town meetings (1938, 2, as amended)	Mar.	5, 1951	1,583	2,158
Apr. 9	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar.	5, 1951	-4	-
Apr. 12	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar.	9, 1951	-4	-
Apr. 12	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Mar.	9, 1951	-4	-
Apr. 23	Town Clerk, Winchendon	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar.	13, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 25	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for indemnification of police chauffeurs in the city of Lowell for certain expenses or damages incurred by them (1951, 247)	Apr.	24, 1951	-3	-
May 2	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Apr.	5, 1951	-4	-
May 2	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Apr.	5, 1951	-4	-
May 4	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to tenure of office of the present incumbent of the office of assistant city clerk in the city of Worcester (1951, 241)	May	1, 1951	-3	-
May 11	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to take for public use the 'Tatman Cemetery (1951, 246)	May	8, 1951	-3	-
May 28	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act placing the incumbents of the position of deputy sealer of weights and measures and the investigator of veterans' benefits of the city of Lynn under the civil service laws and rules (1951, 222)	May	15, 1951	-3	-
June 11	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	June	5, 1951	-3	-
June 18	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	June	5, 1951	-3	-
June 18	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	June	5, 1951	-3	-
June 19	Town Clerk, Easthampton	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 820)	Mar.	24, 1951	-12	-
June 19	Town Clerk, Easthampton	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar.	24, 1951	-12	-
June 21	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for the creation of a development and industrial commission for the city of Lowell (1951, 330)	June	19, 1951	-3	-
June 21	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Charles J. Sergei, a member of the police department of said city (1951, 319)	June	20, 1951	-3	-

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June 25	Town Clerk, Norwood	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	June 20, 1951	-12	-
June 28	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act authorizing the conveyance of certain park land by the city of Lawrence to the Lawrence Housing Authority for veterans' housing purposes (1951, 378)	June 25, 1951	-3	-
June 28	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to increase the amount of annual pension payable to Cornelius F. Noonan (1951, 371)	June 25, 1951	-3	-
June 29	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to sell certain playground land in the rear of Conomo Avenue in said city (1951, 340)	June 12, 1951	-3	-

¹Accepted by the Hillcrest Water District of Leicester.

²Accepted by the mayor and city council.

³Accepted by the city council.

⁴Adopted by unanimous vote.

⁵Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.

⁶Accepted by the Warren Water District of Warren

⁷Accepted by the board of aldermen.

⁸Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.

⁹Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

¹⁰Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.

¹¹Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.

¹²Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

¹³Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.